Setting up an Ammonia Plant Krishna-Godavari Basin

746. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state·

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to go ahead with its plans to set up a 450 tpd ammonia plant in the Krishna-Godavari basin despite poor prospects of gas allocations for the project; and

(b) if so, by when the award of the project is likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) Indications are available regarding availability of 0.50 million cubic metre per day of gas for setting up of one 450 TPD ammonia and 800 TPD urea plant in the Krishna-Godavari Basin. However, no final decision has been taken by the Government regarding award of the project to a particular company.

747. [*Transferred to the 21st July, 1992*].

Ignoring highest import price

748. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1142 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th May, 1992 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a decision was taken in his Ministry in 1990 to ignore the highest import price to prevent overinvoicing of imports;

(b) if so, what were the drugs involved and what was the import price on which the formulation prices were based;

(c) when was the decision reversed and is it a fact that the decison taken at the level of then Minister was reversed at the level of Development Commissioner; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the benefit of crores of rupees have been given to certain multinationals and if so, what steps have been taken to investigate the matter and fix responsibility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) No general decision of this kind was taken. However, in case of one drug *viz.*, Hyoscine-N-Butyl Bromide instead of the weighted average price, a lower price was adopted on the basis of data available in the Department.

(c) annd (d) Do not arise.

Submitting data by drug company

749. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU. Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1134 given in Rajya Sabha on 7th May, 92 and orders;

(a) what were the time schedules laid down by the Bombay High Court for getting data and passing the orders;

(b) what changes have been made in the data submitted by the company to special team, and as verified by this team; and

(c) what is the present status of the case and what are the details of development during the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The Bombay High Court in its Order dated 8th March, 1991 allowed two weeks for amendment of petition, 8 weeks to M/s, Hoechst for giving data to the Government, 4 weeks to the Government to furnish particulars to the company consistent with the judgement of the Suprema Court in Cyanamid's case, 8 weeks to the Government to determine tentative liability, if any, due from the company and 4 weeks to the Government to give hearing to the company and pass speaking order.